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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte, Revisions to Reporting Requirements Governing Hearing Aid
Compatible Mobile Handsets, WT Docket No. 17-228**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) respectfully submit this ex parte letter in support of the October 19, 2018 filing by Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Gallaudet University (DHH-RERC) in the above referenced docket ("HLAA/RERC Filing"). In addition, we support the Consensus Proposal filed by HLAA, CTIA, CCA and TIA filed in the same docket on the same day.

The HLAA/RERC Filing proposes revisions to the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") Form 655 requirements on mobile wireless service providers for obligations to certify compliance with the Commission's Hearing Aid Compatibility ("HAC") rules and enhance consumer information through their websites about HAC-rated wireless handset offerings. The Consensus Proposal addresses the same issue, reflecting areas where the signatories agreed.

NAD and TDI affirm our support for both these proposals and we appreciate the spirit of collaboration in which our organizations have worked together with industry on this important topic.

Respectfully submitted,

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